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In re Application of :
Scott Evans : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/267,840 : TO WITHDRAW THE
Filed: March 12, 1999 : HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DEBT
PRESENTATIUN AND RESOLUTION

This is in response to applicant's communication, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 21, 2002. This communication is being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181. There is no fee for this petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to file a timely proper response to a Final rejection dated February 22, 2002.

Applicant's petition includes a copy of a Notice of Appeal bearing a Certificate of Mailing date of August 22, 2002. A statement by David M. Hill was received within the petition, which attests to the personal knowledge of mailing the response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Mailing. This is sufficient evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office action was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the Notice of Appeal filed with the petition, and then to the Legal Instruments Examiner for prompt action on the subsequently file CPA request.


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